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In Re Application of: Group Art Unit: 3672 COSTA, ET AL.

Examiner: DANG, HOANG C. Serial No: 10/522,099

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# REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the matter captioned above, the filing receipt (copy attached) indicates that the Domestic Priority data claimed by the applicant is "This application is a 371 of PCT/US03/20694 filed 07/01/2003 which claims benefit of 60/398,061 filed 07/24/2002." Applicant hereby request that the Domestic Priority Data be corrected as shown on Page 1 of the Specification as filed (copy attached).

The Domestic Priority Data should read that "The present application is the National Stage patent application for PCT patent application serial number PCT/US2003/020694, attorney docket number 25791.110.02, filed on 07/01/2003, which claimed the benefit of the filing dates of (1) U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/398,061, attorney docket no 25791.110, filed on 7/24/2002, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/372,632, attorney docket no. 25791.101, filed on 4/15/2002, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/372,048, attorney docket no. 25791.93, filed on April 12, 2002, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/346,309, attorney docket no. 25791.92, filed on 1/7/2002, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. utility patent application serial number 10/522,039, attorney docket number 25791.106.05, filed on March 10, 2006 which claimed the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional patent application serial number 60/397284, attorney docket number 25791.106, filed on 7/19/2002, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. utility patent application serial number 10/511,410, attorney docket number 25791.101.05, filed on 10/14/2004 which claimed the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional patent application serial number 60/372,632, attorney docket number 25791.101, filed on 4/15/2002, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. utility patent application serial number 10/510,966, attorney docket number 25791.93.05, filed on 10/12/2004, which claimed the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional patent application serial number 60/372,048, attorney docket number 25791.93, filed on 4/12/2002, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. utility patent application serial number 10/500,745, attorney docket number 25791.92.05, filed on 7/6/2004, which claimed the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional patent application serial number 10/500,745, attorney docket number 25791.92, filed on 12/10/2002.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/398,061, attorney docket no. 25791.106, filed on July 19, 2002, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/372,632, attorney docket no. 25791.101, filed on 4/15/2002, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/372,048, attorney docket no. 25791.93, filed on April 12, 2002, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/346,309, attorney docket no. 25791.92, filed on 1/7/2002, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. ''

The Commissioner is invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at the number listed below if a telephone conference would expedite or aid in the decision of this petition.

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# Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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**Suite 3100** 901 Main Street Dallas, TX 75202 **CONFIRMATION NO. 9492** 371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER 

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The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

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The following items have been received:

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- Copy of IPE Report filed on 01/24/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/19/2005
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- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 01/24/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/24/2005
- Substitute Specification filed on 01/24/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 01/24/2005
- Specification filed on 01/24/2005
- Claims filed on 01/24/2005



- Abstracts filed on 01/24/2005
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### **Cross Reference To Related Applications**

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[004] The present application is related to the following: (1) U.S. patent application serial no. 09/454,139, attorney docket no. 25791.03.02, filed on 12/3/1999, (2) U.S. patent application serial no. 09/510,913, attorney docket no. 25791.7.02, filed on 2/23/2000, (3) U.S. patent application serial no. 09/502,350, attorney docket no. 25791.8.02, filed on 2/10/2000, (4) U.S. patent application serial no.